

Benton County Election Commission

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 5, 2015

Election Commission members present: Chairman Russell Anzalone, Secretary John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, Serena Green, Deputy County Clerk Tiffany Underwood

Media: No Media Present

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

Minutes:

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes from April 7, 2015. There being none, Chairman Anzalone made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion and review of the new map showing proposed election precinct and boundary alterations according to A.C.A. §7-5-101: Chairman Anzalone asked Deputy County Clerk Tiffany Underwood to explain the new map that she has drawn which reflects the election precinct and boundary alterations. Tiffany explained that the spreadsheet that she prepared shows a comparison of growth within each precinct and that these changes would create an additional twenty-one (21) precincts. She stated that these changes would require moving 1,865 registered voters and that 20,641 new voter identification cards would to be mailed to those registered voters. She also stated that more ballots splits will need to be created. Chairman Anzalone asked Tiffany if she included all the cities in her calculations. Tiffany responded, yes. Chairman Anzalone asked Commissioners Brown and Sevak for discussion. Commissioner Sevak asked about the timeframe needed to complete the map. Tiffany responded that the map and legal descriptions could be completed by the next meeting. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the map prepared by Tiffany which shows the proposed election precinct and boundary alterations according to A.C.A. §7-5-101, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

- A. Notice of Ballot Draw for the Annual School Election to be held September 15, 2015: Chairman Anzalone stated that the Annual School Election ballot draw would be held at the Election Commission Office located at 1204 SW 14th Street, Suite 6, Bentonville on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. for the Annual School Ballot Draw, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Order to Change the Polling Name and Location for Precinct #20: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison explained that the Vaughn Presbyterian Church would not be available for future elections due to the age and size of the building, and that it is no longer suitable to serve the needs of the community. Kim stated that the Benton County Fairgrounds located at 7640 SW Regional Airport Blvd, Bentonville has been secured as the new polling location for Precinct 20. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept changing the polling site for Precinct 20 from Vaughn Presbyterian Church to the Benton County Fairgrounds located at 7640 SW Regional Airport Blvd, Bentonville, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order to Change the Polling Name and Location for Precinct #51: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison stated that the War Eagle Mill has added additional merchandise in their store making it difficult on the voters. Also, the restroom facilities are located outside which made the poll workers uncomfortable during the evening hours. Kim stated that Mr. William Sharp, the Precinct Sheriff, requested the location be moved to the Piney Point Fire Dept. #2 located at 22050 East State Hwy 12, Rogers, which is approximately one (1) mile from the present location. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept changing the polling site for Precinct #51 from War Eagle Mill to the Piney Point Fire Dept. #2 located at 22050 East State Hwy 12, Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

Kim stated that the Election Commission received a call from a board member of the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church located on Hwy. 279 in Hiwasse requesting that their building be considered as a polling site. Kim stated that the Hiwasse Fire Station/Community Building (Pct. 23) is currently being used but it is an older building and the church may be a consideration. Kim stated that she drove by the church which was located behind another church and that she has concerns with the parking. Chairman Anzalone commented that this church is located on the highway and perhaps Kim may have looked at the wrong building. Chairman Anzalone stated that he would drive by the church and report back at the next meeting.

Chairman Anzalone asked Kim to check into putting an alarm on the door between the Election Commission Office and the Public Defender's Office due to the fact that the Public Defender's Office has access to the Election Commission Office without the knowledge of the commission staff and with the Public Defender's clientele, someone could take a wrong turn and enter the commission office. Kim stated she would contact Administrator of Public Safety, John Sudduth.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

Chairman Anzalone stated that the next Election Commission meeting would be July 8, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment:

Chairman Anzalone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Brown, Jr., Secretary
Prepared by Deputy Clerk Sharon Rose
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